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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION  
NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020**

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through the eighth month of fiscal year 2020 [May 31, 2020].

- **Pandemic's Impact.**
  - Data through May 2020 shows the Services' recruiting efforts were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department and the Services continue to make adjustments in response to the rapidly changing recruiting environment. Foremost, in making these adjustments is the safety and well-being of Service members, their families, and potential recruits. Collectively, these efforts ensure we man the force while maintaining the right balance of protecting our people and protecting America.
  
- **Active Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Services' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains for fiscal year 2020, through May 2020.
    - Army Accessions: Goal 30,464; Attained 30,412 (99.83 percent/-52).
    - Navy Accessions: Goal 21,829; Attained 21,790 (99.82 percent/-39).
    - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 15,397; Attained 15,403; (100.04 percent/+6).
    - Air Force Accessions: Goal 18,802; Attained 16,970 (90.26 percent/-1,832).
  - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Retention.** All Services are on glide path to achieve FY2020 retention targets. .
  
- **Reserve Component.**
  - **Recruiting.** The Service data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains through the eighth month of fiscal year 2020, May 2020.
    - Army NG Gains: Goal 29,952; Attained 27,188 (90.77 percent/-2,764).
    - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 10,419; Attained 8,614 (82.68 percent/-1,805).
    - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 3,734; Attained 3,779 (101.21 percent/+45).
    - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 4,486; Attained 5,183 (115.54 percent/+697).
    - Air NG Gains: Goal 6,677; Attained 5,765 (86.34 percent/-912).
    - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 4,331; Attained 4,331 (100.00 percent/+0).
  - **Quality.** All Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
  - **Attrition.** The Reserve Components year-to-date attrition percentages were at or slightly above planned target levels for April FY2020. The Reserve Components project to meet annual attrition targets in FY2020 (data lags by one month).

Detailed information on specific recruiting data can be obtained by contacting the individual military recruiting commands at 502-626-0164 for Army, 210-565-4678 for Air Force, 703-784-9454 for

Marine Corps, and 901-874-9048 for Navy. The Reserve Components can be reached at the following numbers: National Guard Bureau 703-607-2586, Army Reserve 910-570-8330, Air Force Reserve 703-697-1761, Navy Reserve 757-322-5652, and Marine Corps Reserve 504-678-6535.